



VIOLET TOWNSHIP

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March 13, 2018

The Honorable Marlene Anielski
Ohio House of Representatives
Chair, State and Local Government Committee
77 S. High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chair Anielski:

Thank you for the opportunity to support House Bill 500, which addresses and improves many issues that Townships across this great state face each day. Violet Township stands in strong support of House Bill 500, especially the provision to modify R.C. §349.03, New Community Authority to eliminate the acreage requirement that is placed on a new community authority if located in a township.

As you are aware, municipalities have no minimum acreage requirement for the creation of a New Community Authority, but the current statute requires Townships to have a minimum acreage requirement of one thousand (1,000) acres. We are asking for parity so that Townships can utilize this tool for responsible development that provides the ability to build, maintain and improve vital infrastructure throughout our community.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated, and we are happy and willing to provide more information if desired. Our contact information is provided below for your convenience.

In the Interest of Public Service,

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WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: MARCH 12, 2018

Name: John Eisel

Are you representing: Yourself _____ Organization X

Organization (If Applicable): Violet Township

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes _____ No X

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): House Bill 500

Specific Issue: REVISION TO NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY

Are you testifying as a: Proponent X Opponent _____ Interested Party _____

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes X No _____

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? _____

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

Violet Township fully supports HB 500 AND HAS A STRONG INTEREST IN REDUCING THE ACREAGE REQUIRED FOR A TOWNSHIP TO CREATE A NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY

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